

RESOLUTION NO. 160-12

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A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20TH AS "FATHERS WALK DAY",
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Fathers Walk event began in the Cuyahoga County area in 2006 and requests that fathers in our area walk their children to school and to possibly meet the principal and teachers on a designated day to show their support for education; and,

WHEREAS, Fathers Walk is organized and sponsored in Cuyahoga County by the Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative, Passages Inc., I Am A Dream, the Healthy Fathering Collaborative, and communities; and, it will be celebrated on Thursday, September 20, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, fathers are encouraged to join other fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers and father figures in a visible, productive demonstration of encouragement for their children related to education. This event creates family support, and research shows father involvement is essential to promoting good classroom behavior, better grades and higher educational attainment levels; and,

WHEREAS, every year several thousand fathers participate in this event, and this national event takes place in more than 750 cities throughout the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby proclaims Thursday, September 20th as "Fathers Walk Day" and hereby encourages all fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers and father figures to walk their children to school to show their support for education.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to forward a true and accurate copy of this Resolution to Aldonis Grimes, Director, Cuyahoga County Fatherhood Initiative, Fax No. 216-443-7276; Dr. B.A. Moore, Executive Director of Passages, at drbalex1@aol.com; and Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Graham, Parma City School District, at grahamj@parmacityschools.org.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to the upcoming date, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED:_____	_____
	PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL
ATTEST:_____	APPROVED:_____
CLERK OF COUNCIL	
FILED WITH THE MAYOR:_____	_____
	MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO